

1-5. (CANCELED)

6. (NEW) A shifting assembly for a multiple gear variable speed motor vehicle transmission having

one of a central selector or a shifting shaft (2) that is mounted in a transmission housing (12) such that the central selector or the shifting shaft (2) can be axially rotated and displaced, by rotating the selector or shaft, a coupling to be actuated, in a shift gate can be selected, and by subsequently axially displacing selector or shaft, gear ratios can be selected, and

a device (4) is provided on one of the selector or shifting shaft (2) or on an auxiliary shaft (28) that is controlled by the selector or shifting shaft, which bears a rod (6) mechanically linked with a contoured element (16) mounted in the transmission housing (12) such that the element can swivel, a contoured edge (20) of the contoured element (16) mirrors selection patterns and is spring loaded against the rod (6) by a spring element (18), a rotatable cylinder (8) being provided on said rod (6), the rod operates in conjunction with the contoured edge (20) of the contoured element (16), the cylinder (8) is capable of being displaced axially on the rod (6).

7. (NEW) The shifting assembly according to claim 6, wherein a circumference of the cylinder (8) is equipped with a groove (10), in which the contoured edge (20) of the contoured element (16) engages.

8. (NEW) The shifting assembly according to claim 6, wherein a deepest notch (22) on the contoured edge (20) has a neutral position that corresponds to a non-actuated position of rest for a shifting lever in a selection gate.